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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—Interesting revelations were made yesterday at the trial of Joseph Maitlet in Dublin; the prisoner was sentenced to penal servitude for life for complicity in an attempt to murder.

WHISKEY AND POLITICS.

The persons who did most to secure the election of the Democratic Congress last fall were having a rather hard time of it. We refer, of course, to the liquor dealers, whose performances in Ohio and Indiana gave its chief impetus to the ball.

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The appointment of Charles Lyman as Chief Examiner is a fortunate ending of the controversy over that place; and for this the President is entitled to more credit than the Civil Service Commissioners.

CONSIDERING THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH OIL TANKS ARE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, IT IS FORTUNATE THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN GREATER DESTRUCTION IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FROM THAT CAUSE.

The loss of six lives from the explosion of a tank yesterday, on the New-Jersey shore, ought to cause serious consideration of the question whether such death-traps should be permitted to be built so near a thickly populated district.

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Appointment yesterday in his efforts to reduce the appropriation for the Excise Department. As one of the Commissioners of Accounts he has had some knowledge of the reckless manner in which the business of that department is conducted.

It is Governor Butler, of Massachusetts, who is now twisting the tail of the British lion. A member of Parliament has given notice that he will question the English Government concerning the Governor's protest in regard to Irish pauper emigration.

Coventry has a quaint history, some interesting points of which are sketched in Mr. Robert P. Porter's letter printed in to-day's TRIBUNE. But the interest in its history pales before the stern facts in regard to its silk industry.

Governor Cleveland will have a good opportunity to use his veto power in considering the city bills now before him. The most important one is that in regard to the new aqueduct. The Legislature disregarded the wishes of the citizens on that subject, and it will be just as well if the Governor disregards the wishes of the Legislature.

The work of reforming the Civil Service of the city may be begun by Mayor Edson under an act passed by the Legislature. The Civil Service Reform bill which applied specially to this city, and which made the reform obligatory and provided all the necessary facilities for carrying it out, was killed.

The pettiness and narrowness of spirit which has characterized the partisanship of the Opposition throughout this controversy is reflected by the Conservative press and especially by its leading review, which withholds from Mr. Gladstone's speech all merit except that of an extremely clever attempt to extricate a speaker from a false and disagreeable position.

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cal fear and bribery are usually potent, it is true. Under ordinary circumstances the fear of the liquor interest and the prospect of profits in a gigantic whiskey speculation might have influenced not a few voters. But the members were influenced at the last session by a strong sense of the popular indignation which had swept so many of them out of public life.

The effect of the refusal of Congress to help them out is shown by the distillers in the great reduction of production. During the coming year, they state, Kentucky alone will be compelled to take out of bond and to pay taxes on 14,000,000 gallons of whiskey—twice as much as has been taken out of bond in any previous year.

In the long run, the liquor producers and dealers will not find it to their advantage to count upon the favor of any party or political body in their business. Railroad men have reached that point, after many years of experience, during which they have seen almost every plan result in disaster that was based upon political favor rather than strict and legitimate business considerations.

MR. GLADSTONE'S GREAT SPEECH.

The debate on the Affirmation bill, in which Mr. Gladstone took part, illustrated the littleness and the greatness of English character. The subject had been worn threadbare through the mechanical efforts of the Opposition to prolong the discussion for partisan ends.

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THE PROBLEM OF THE AGE SOLVED.

It is a comfort to know that 'the great problem of the age has been solved.' We have supposed for some time that if the philosophers who meet in Clarendon Hall to regulate the affairs of the universe could only have a fair chance they would solve it, and we rejoice to learn that they have. The solution was announced to the 'Tenants' Defence Association' by 'Professor' Mezeroff, the author, last Monday evening, The Tenants' Defence Association may be premised is an organization to resist the raising of rents.

He can 'take tea and similar articles of food,' he says, 'and make explosives with them more powerful than Italian powder, the strongest powder there is.' He has a college in Boston where he teaches how explosives are compounded, and although he was followed the other day by 'three detectives, one a woman,' who tried to find out where the college is and 'put a stop' to his 'career,' he says he 'will not stop until every working-man in Europe and America knows how to use explosives against autocratic governments and grasping monopolies.'

Now under a strict construction of the 'Professor's' enunciation of this great discovery in philosophy each tenant could solve his own problem of the age—and doubtless has—by stopping 'one man,' to wit, himself, from getting those millions. But the 'Professor' probably did not mean precisely this. What he means, no doubt, is that the problem of the age is to stop any man from getting this amount. And his proposition is to do it by compounding explosives out of 'tea and similar articles of food.'

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Tewksbury revelations will not answer for that purpose. He has been working at them for many weeks, has filled the whole land with the bad odor of his vile stories from still viler witnesses, and has succeeded in proving little or nothing against the present management of the institution. It may still appear, after the defence has been heard, that a bad condition of affairs did exist there several years ago, but it seems evident from Butler's own witnesses that no abuses of serious moment have existed there during the past few years, or can be found there at present.

The main work of destruction is going on in the East and along the Allegheny shore, and some of the islanders declare that last winter's ice-bergs and floats carried away fifteen feet of the upper end of their village.

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'Proper Pride,' a story, which has been followed with unmitigated stings of interest as it has appeared in installments in the semi-weekly and weekly editions, has been republished in the popular serial of THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE.

John Kelly has been lecturing in Massachusetts on 'Early Irish Settlers.' There is more general interest throughout his party in that settler he lately gave his friend the Governor.

The Hon. S. M. Cox is lecturing in the South on the 'Poetry of Mechanism.' He can find an uncommon illustration of his subject in Randall's still hunt for the Speakership. Maybe he is using it in his lecture.

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It is the constant wearing labor of finding out the truth of matters, and the opinions are to be written.' Current politics Mr. Davis would not talk about. 'I am troubled,' he said, 'with no ambitions or desires politically. I have no wish for health and rest and a quiet life.'

PROVIDENCE, May 10.—Senator Anthony has passed another good day. He remains comfortable to-night.

GENERAL NOTES.

Midway between the bridges which span the Allegheny River at Sixteenth and Forty-third Sts., Pittsburgh, lies Herr's Island; but the time is surely approaching when that statement can be no longer truthfully repeated. When Benjamin Herr purchased in 1797, the island which bears his name, it contained 12 acres, but the river has worn it down to 23 acres.

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POLITICAL NEWS.

A dispatch from Texas to a Western paper says that the Republicans in that State are looking for a leader. This is the first time for some time past that the Republicans in that neighborhood have appeared to be employed exclusively in looking out for the Government's office.

The 'favorites-son' business seems to have brought matters into a bad snarl in Kentucky, and the Hon. James H. Bevel has had a tremendous task to unravel it. There will be 744 delegates, and nearly all of them have been instructed, but none of the candidates has much more than half enough votes to secure the nomination.

The fact cannot be disguised that the temperance question is causing serious dissensions in the Republican party of Iowa. Had the late amendment to the Constitution been declared valid, the subject would have been taken out of politics and would have caused no trouble. Even now it need not be a source of difficulty if it were not for the extreme Prohibitionists, who insist that the Republican party shall adopt their views as its platform.

Governor Cameron, of Virginia, is convinced that the tariff is the issue for the Republicans to make prominent in their platform. He has received a letter from a respondent of the Philadelphia Press reports him as saying in Harrisburg, where he is now staying, that 'a division between the old and young elements of the Bourbon has already disclosed itself, which has settled the status of Virginia, and which, if the tariff can be made the leading issue this year in Pennsylvania, will lead to the final victory of the Democrats.'

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